

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application. Applicant elects Claims 1-9 and adds two new claims 11 and 12 for prosecution, with traverse.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the common technical limitation of the claims is the fact that the sheets or membranes mentioned in claims 10-12 have been fabricated by the method defined in claims 1 to 8, which means that the sheets or membranes or filters obtained have the thickness specified in element A) of claim 1 and the aspect ratio specified in element F) of claim 1. This aspect ratio which is a maximum of 5  $\mu\text{m}$ : 5 lies within the specified range. The filter of claims 10 and 12 presents the common technical limitation as set forth in Claim 1, as does the sheet or membrane of Claims 9 and 11. As such, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is requested.

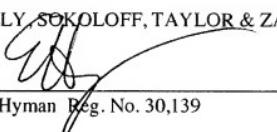
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